THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The unit for coverage under PMGSY is 'habitation' and not 'village'. A habitation is deemed to be connected if it lies on all-weather road or is within 500 metres from the connected habitation or an all-weather road. The Government of Kerala has reported that 118 unconnected habitations with population more than thousand in the State are likely to be covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

(b) An amount of Rs. 20.00 crore has been allocated for Kerala under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the current year.

Funds for providing employment

1402. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to spend Rs. 1,20,500 crores over the next four years to implement its promise of providing at least 100 days of employment every year to at least one person from every poor and lower middle class in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether amount earmarked on the programme for 2004-05 has been Rs. 16,700 crores;

(c) the total amount earmarked each year upto 2008-09;

(d) the States which have been covered during 2004-05;

(e) what is the amount earmarked for 2005-06 to Andhra pradesh; and

(f) in how many areas this scheme has been started in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (f) The proposal to enact a Central Legislation for the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, which aims to enhance livelihood security to poor households in rural areas by providing atleast 100 days of guaranteed wage employment to every poor household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual labour, is under consideration of the Government.